(b) whether after completion of restoration work these lines were not opened for traffic;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the infructous expenditure incurred thereon; and

(e) the action taken against the responsible persons for causing loss to Government and lacking for sightedness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Train services have been restored on Kosamba-Umarpada, Ankleshwar-Rajpipla and Bodeli-Chhota Udepur sections from 1-7-2003. However, train services on Jhagadiya-Netrang and Daboi-Samalaya-Timba Road sections have not been restored due to resource constraints.

(d) No infructous expenditure is incurred for restoration of the lines.

(e) Does not arise.

Condition of railway stations in North Eastern Region

3276. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to improve the conditions of railway stations in the country particularly in the North Eastern Region; and

(b) the details of funds allotted, released and utilised for the same during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) There are more than 8000 Railways stations on Indian Railways. Improvement/renovation/modernization of Railway stations is a continuous process and the same is undertaken every year wherever warranted, including stations in North Eastern Region, on the basis of condition and availability of funds.

Stations in North Eastern Region have been provided, as is the case elsewhere, with the passenger amenities as per laid down norms. Regular inspections at the level of Supervisors' as well as Officers' are carried out to ensure the adequacy of amenities at stations. Deficiencies noticed are removed to ensure availability of amenities. In addition to these regular

measures, 13 stations in North Eastern Region have been selected for development as Model Stations and in 3 such stations works have been completed and work is in various stages of progress in the remaining stations.

(b) The details of Budget Allotment, Revised Estimates and Actual Expenditure (Rs. in crore) under the Plan Head "Passenger Amenities" for the last three years on North East Frontier Railway is as under :–

Sl.No.	Year	Budget allotment	Revised estimate	Actual expenditure
1.	2000-01	11.13	6.70	6.98
2.	2001-02	12.07	8.93	10.05
3.	2002-03	19.67	18.43	16.70

In addition to above, expenditure is also incurred on the maintenance and upkeep of the railway stations through revenue demands.

Items confiscated by RPF in random checking

3277. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many passengers that carry inflammable materials with them concealed in their baggage;

(b) if so, whether RPF is entitled to conduct surprise baggage checks at all major railway stations;

(c) if so, the number of checks conducted by RPF at Delhi station in the last one year and the details of questionable/objectionable items confiscated by the RPF during these surprise checks; and

(d) how many cases were booked after such checks for questionable/ objectionable itmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir. Some passengers do carry inflammable materials with them alongwith or concealed in their baggage.

(b) to (d) "Policing" being a subject matter of the State Government, security of passengers in the running trains and Railway premises is the constitutional responsibility of the State Government concerned. The cases